

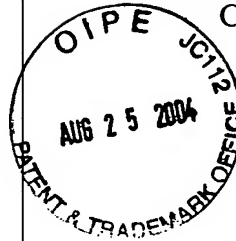
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**PAUL A. PRICE and JULIS S.  
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Application No.: 10/648,811

Filed: 08/25/2003

For: **ASSAY OF YKL-40 AS A  
MARKER FOR DEGRADATION  
OF MAMMALIAN CONNECTIVE  
TISSUE MATRICES**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO  
ACCOMPANY NOTICE OF MISSING  
PARTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on September 10, 2001 containing instructions to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for two months;
- 2) An initial Computer readable form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing; and
- 3) An initial paper copy of the Sequence Listing.

Please amend the claims and/or specification as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the accompanying sequence listing (pages 1-3).